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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of:

Naoto Matsunami, et.al.

Application No.: 10/004,131

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For: STORAGE SYSTEM HAVING A  
PLURALITY OF CONTROLLERS

Customer No.: 20350

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**AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed August 2, 2004, please enter the following amendments and remarks:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.